

Part IV. Items of General Interest

Excise Tax Changes

Announcement 96-130

The changes listed below are effective after December 31, 1996, and will be reflected on Form 720, Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return for the first quarter of 1997, as well as the 1997 revisions of Form 4136, Credit for Federal Tax Paid on Fuels, and Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes. If these rates are modified by legislation, the IRS will issue another announcement and will revise all forms accordingly.

Halon-1301	62.50
Halon-2402	37.50
Carbon tetrachloride	6.875
Methyl chloroform	0.625
CFC-13, CFC-111, and CFC-112 CFC-211 through CFC-217	6.25

I. TAX ON AVIATION GASOLINE

Tax is imposed on aviation gasoline (IRS No. 14) at a rate of 4.3 cents per gallon beginning on January 1, 1997.

II. TAX ON AVIATION FUEL (OTHER THAN GASOLINE)

Tax is imposed on aviation fuel (other than gasoline) (IRS No. 69) at a rate of 4.3 cents per gallon beginning on January 1, 1997.

III. AIR TRANSPORTATION TAXES

The excise tax on transportation of persons and property by air and use of international air travel facilities (IRS Nos. 26, 28, and 27) expires after December 31, 1996. No tax applies to amounts paid for transportation beginning after December 31, 1996.

Passengers from whom tax was collected on amounts paid for travel beginning after December 31, 1996, may be entitled to a refund of the tax. Refunds may be obtained either from the airlines or from the IRS. Direct refunds from the IRS are claimed on Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes. An original passenger receipt must be submitted with the passenger's Form 8849.

IV. OZONE-DEPLETING CHEMICALS

Tax is imposed on ozone-depleting chemicals (IRS Nos. 98 and 19) at the rates shown beginning on January 1, 1997. The rate is per pound.

CFC-11	\$ 6.25
CFC-12	6.25
CFC-113	5.00
CFC-114	6.25
CFC-115	3.75
Halon-1211	18.75

V. LUXURY TAX

Tax is imposed on passenger automobiles (IRS No. 92) at 8% of the amount by which the sales price exceeds \$36,000 beginning January 1, 1997. For example, if the sales price of the automobile is \$38,000, the tax is \$160 (8% of \$2,000).

VI. HOW TO GET FORMS

IRS Forms can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-3676 or downloaded from:

- FTP — <ftp://irs.ustreas.gov>
- World Wide Web—<http://www.irs.-ustreas.gov>
- IRIS at FedWorld—(703) 321-8020